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To: Planning Coordinating Committee

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From: Erin Aleman, Assistant Community Planner

Re: Community Engagement Assistance Program

In an effort to reach groups that are typically underrepresented in planning processes, CMAP worked with ten community-based organizations during the development of the Regional Vision. These groups were asked to host meetings, invite their constituents, and discuss items related to the *GO TO 2040* vision development. Small grants of approximately \$5,000 each were provided to the community-based groups to cover their costs.

The groups who participated included:

- Bethel New Life
- Casa Central
- DevCorp North
- Family Focus Aurora
- Imagine Englewood If...
- Kendall County Health Department
- Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
- Metropolitan Tenants Organization
- South STAR Services
- Southland Health Care Forum

At the May 14 Planning Coordinating Committee meeting, staff will provide a presentation describing this program and its results.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational.

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